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FROM OUR SECRETARY



After serving as a good strong beam in the framework of the White House for 100 years, wood removed in the remodeling now in progress has been made into gavel heads, fitted with handles cut from a fallen hickory tree at Mount Vernon. The resulting gavels were presented to each camper yesterday afternoon by the smiling Secretary of Agriculture himself. The wood taken from the White House had been used in 1817 to repair the building after it was burned during the war of 1812-1814.

In return, the campers presented the Secretary with a beautiful gavel, the head made up of 50 different kinds of wood, representative of the 48 States and Alaska.

The Secretary fairly beamed with pleasure and gratification as he expressed his appreciation of the gift.

MORNING ASSEMBLY Yesterday morning Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, Assistant Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, spoke on the observance of law, which would help to make possible a home such as each club member would like to have. Some of the high points which we won't forget right away were:

"To excel we have to put forth more effort than just enough to get by."

"Sometimes it seems that people do not appreciate the little things we do; but paying attention to details, doing each little duty the best we can, makes great men and women."

"Law is not a limitation of personal liberties, but an opportunity to greater liberties."

"Each person in the United States is a part of the Government."

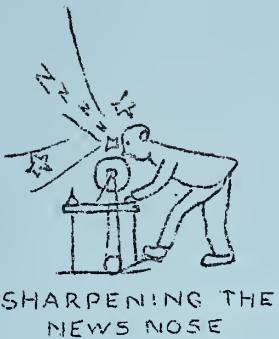
"We should not merely bow to our Government, we should speak to it."

"Law is a 'stop sign' which says, 'You can go no farther upon this road without endangering the lives of others.'"

"Leaders are leaders because they do things better than the average person does them and because they do more, considerably more, than they are required to do."

Pauline Yaiser, Ky.





SHARPENING THE NEWS NOSE

NEWS ASSIGNMENTS
Sunday, June 19
and
Monday, June 20

Sunday

Church, if any go to historical churches: To be reported by Harold Judy of Ohio at 8.30 a.m., Monday.

Afternoon tour: To be reported by Dan Miller of West Virginia at 8.30 a.m., Monday.

Wreath ceremony: To be reported by Nellie Mabel Jones of Missouri at 8.30 a.m., Monday.

Evening address: To be reported by Roswell Griffiths of Wisconsin at 8.30 a.m., Monday.

Personals and human-interest events: To be reported by Norman Hamlin of Maine and Gladiola Branscome of Mississippi at 8.30 a.m., Monday.

Monday

Bird tour: To be reported by John Flanagan of Rhode Island at 8.30 a.m.

Mr. Tigert's address: To be reported by Minnie Basting of Illinois at 1 to 2 p.m.

Morning tour: To be reported by Edwin Givens of Virginia at 1 to 2 p.m.

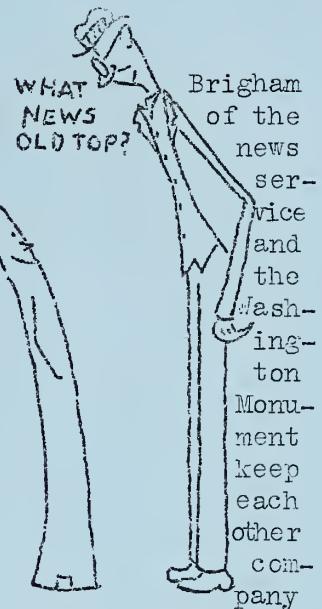
Afternoon tour: To be reported by Roy Nicholson of Missouri at 8.30 a.m., Tuesday.

State leaders' conference: To be reported by Miss McDavid of Florida at 8.30 a.m., Tuesday.

Pioneers attending: To be reported by Walter Straw of Pennsylvania at 8.30 a.m., Tuesday.

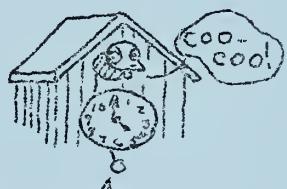
QUESTION. - Why is Bumgarner of Illinois always the first to be dressed mornings?

ANSWER. - He doesn't have to dress, but he said the reason he has to put on his shoes each morning is because they are too big to get into the bed.



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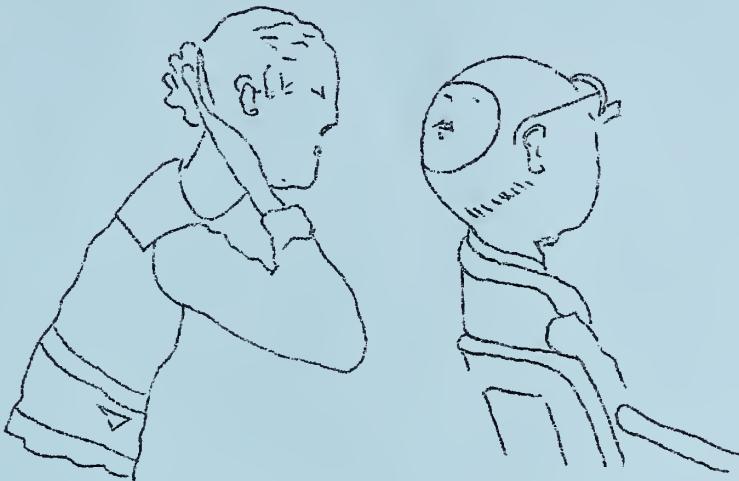
the tenderest ear.

BIRD TOUR CORPORATION
(We haven't any.)



CONFERENCES AND OTHER THINGS

At the Assembly



This is What I Saw

Cooperation was the subject of the junior club conference yesterday. Campers got some helpful ideas to take home to their fellow club members on the discussion. They decided that cooperation is conducting yourself so others can work with you and also that everything -- success, progress and happiness -- is gained by working together,

Reported by

John Gra Cook, Jr. Miss.

STATE CLUB LEADERS MAKE
START ON STANDARDIZATION
pledge for club work.

The final step on standardization of the national program for club work was taken at the leaders' conference Friday afternoon in adopting a uniform



Telegrams of greeting have been received from 300 Wisconsin 4-H clubs encamped at Madison, 525 Pennsylvania club members attending young farmers' week at State College, and greetings and best wishes from the club boys and girls of Montana and Oregon. (See the bulletin boards.)

TOURS

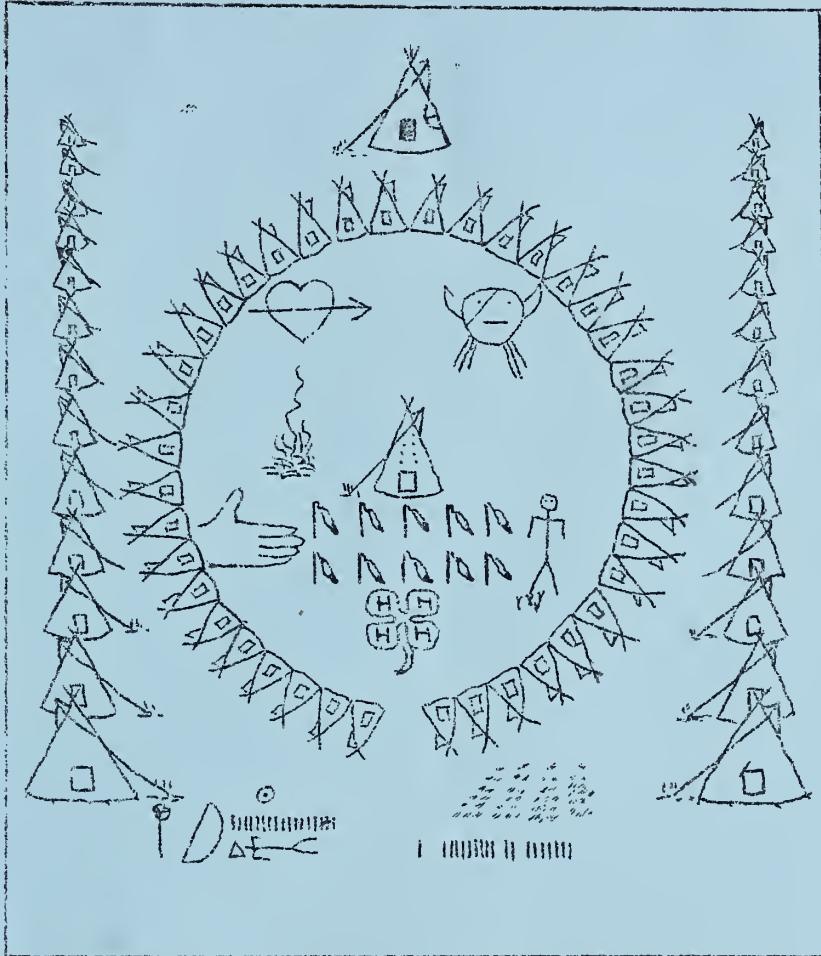
Packed into 10 busses, club delegates from the National 4-H camp made their joyful way to the Bureau of Home Economics yesterday morning. There we found out a lot of things, about rats and legs-o-lamb, washing machines and milk for boys, sewing machines and soap powders. From there we went to the Department of Agriculture greenhouses where we saw a lot of queer, interesting-looking plants. There were cactus plants from all over the world and green grapes growing under glass just as if they were on an arbor. We were shown how to graft and bud, and every one who wanted to had a chance to try grafting a twig. The greenhouses are shipping a rosebush to the home address of each club delegate, so we won't forget this tour for a long time.

Reported by

John W. Tindall N. J.

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The council fire last night made a most impressive scene. The ceremonies were in charge of Mr. Kendrick, club agent from West Virginia. He was assisted by Nipo Strongheart of the Yakima Nation.

With all of the campers gathered in a circle about the fire, Mr. Kendrick, or "Teepi" as West Virginia knows him, told what a council circle signifies and then showed how to conduct one. Aids were first appointed to sit on the council rock: G. O. Hall of New York was appointed fire chief; Lora Amos of the Philadelphia Dairy Council and Luther Hartley of the B. and O. railroad as judges; Irene Haseman of Minnesota, tally keeper; and R. A. Turner, song leader.

Laws of the council circle were then given. They are adapted from very old laws of the Indians and simplified for the clubs to use, Teepi said. Challenges, he explained, were to iron out differences and he asked if anyone would like to have a demonstration. It was requested and the following challenge proposed for decision, "Who knows the most,



leaders or campers," was settled by competition between 5 boys and 5 leaders. They proved the campers "nose" the most. Games were illustrated by a game called "Buzz" in which Warren Breck of Oklahoma won against the two Texas boys. For a demonstration in award of honors, which he said should be at another's asking, Ruth Davis of Nebraska was awarded the lucky bean.

Then the "four-fold" fires, which typified the four H's, were built by club members, taking live coals from the central fire. Charles Goodwin of New York built the "Hand" fire, Alberta Hoppe of Iowa the "Health" fire, I. J. Thornton of Texas the "Head" fire, and Gladys Bull of Maryland the "Heart" fire. The "Head" fire blazed first.

Nipo Strongheart explained sign language and gave two sentences in sign language which the campers are to interpret by the next council circle. He said there were 8 million Indians in North America at the time of its discovery, divided into 780 tribes and nations. Each had its own language and the sign language was developed so that Indians of different nations could understand each other.

After the campers repeated the Omaha tribal prayer for benediction the council circle disbanded.

Reported by

*Irene L. Haseman
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MORE TOURS

As soon as the delegates had been sufficiently posed and reposed with and without the Secretary, the busses again received their loads and we were off for the Cathedral, the Zoo and a picnic in Rock Creek Park. Olin Butler entertained one buss load with a song which he called "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds with variations." The Massachusetts boys entertained another buss but the name of the song is lost. We heard that the buss took a collection for them. Mr. Lewis took the crowd around the cathedral showing them a rock from Solomon's quarry, a brick brought from England in 1607 for the church at Jamestown, Virginia, and the famous winding stairway. Bethlehem chapel also was very interesting with the tomb of Woodrow Wilson and Admiral Dewey. The first American flag saluted by the King of England was there. The cathedral stands 107 feet higher than the Washington Monument and when done will hold 27,000 people.

From the Cathedral, the gang went to the Zoo to see the animals. Your reporter thought the Australian crow which said "All out" the most interesting animal there. Thanks to the fact that the Zoo was full the bunch all got out to eat their lunch in Rock Creek Park.

Reported by

Melvin Johnson, No. Dak.

When will Miss Arnquist graduate?
The WASHINGTON HERALD printed a
picture of the Iowa delegates
with this legend:
"Four high school students."

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MORE ABOUT THE BIRD TOUR. Group No. 3 composed of 15 people saw 21 different species in the Tidal Basin territory.

Reported by

Minnie Basting, Ill.

